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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN LEGISLATION ON REFUND OF VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) TO DIPLOMATS

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1. EMBASSY WAS FINALLY ABLE TO OBTAIN COPY OF WHAT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AS WORLDWIDE STUDY BY GOA OF EXCEPTIONS EXTENDED DIPLOMATS ON VAT. STUDY IS ACTUALLY SEVEN-PAGE SUMMARY COMPILATION OF EXCEPTIONS GIVEN DIPLOMATS IN COUNTRIES WITH VAT OR OTHER SIMILAR TAXES AND OF LISTS OF STATES WITH TURNOVER TAXES AND NO EXCEPTIONS OR STATES HAVING NO INDIRECT TAXES.

2. BILL TO EXEMPT DIPLOMATS FROM AUSTRIAN VAT WAS APPROVED BY GOA AND PASSED TO PARLIAMENT ON JANUARY 20; BILL IS NOW BEFORE FINANCE COMMITTEE. EXEMPTION STIPULATIONS IN DRAFT BILL ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THOSE WHICH DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AFTER REVIEW OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS FROM MFA, INDICATED IT WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTABLE. MFA HAS INDICATED IT EXPECTS PASSAGE OF BILL BY SUMMER.

3. COPIES OF MFA VAT STUDY AND DRAFT WILL ARE BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT (BOYD: L/T) BY POUCH.BUCHANAN

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